



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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BUS ACCESS TO COUNTY LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS AVAILABLE

Routes Go Directly To or Pass Near Centers in Alpine, Ramona, Valley Center

Bus service is available to those who need to visit County Local Assistance Centers (LACs).

Several bus stops are within reach of each of the three centers: Alpine Creek Shopping Center at 1327 Tavern Rd., Suite 30; Ramona in the old post office building at 325 Sixth St. and Valley Center at 28565 Cole Grade Rd. Routes and schedules are as follows:

Alpine: Route 864 stops at the Alpine Creek Shopping Center, traveling between the El Cajon Transit Center and Viejas Casino daily from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Service is every half hour (hourly after 8 p.m.). The Southeast Rural Bus system makes one daily inbound trip from eastern locations such as Pine Valley, Guatay and Descando, arriving in Alpine at 9:05 a.m. and departing at 3:47 p.m. This bus also makes stops in Harbison Canyon after leaving Alpine in the morning.

Ramona: North County Transit District Route 386 provides service to Pine and Main streets in Ramona, four blocks from the LAC site. A local FAST service (similar to Dial-a-Ride) is available to transfer passengers directly to this site. Call 800-660-4789 to reserve a ride on FAST. MTS Route 386 travels between the Escondido Transit Center and Ramona, Monday – Saturday, hourly during peak service (5 – 8 a.m., and 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.) and every two hours during non-peak hours. The Northeast Rural Bus system operates Tuesday – Saturday with two inbound trips from eastern communities including Borrego Springs, Oak Grove, and Julian, arriving in Ramona at 10:05 a.m. and departing at 4 p.m. For details, please visit www.sdcommute.com under Routes 878 and 879.

Valley Center: North County Transit District Route 388 provides service Monday through Saturday to the Valley Center LAC site. There are six daily trips between 5:44 a.m. to 8:38 p.m. to this site.

For more information on bus schedules, please visit the MTS Web site at www.sdcommute.com. For additional questions, please call the County Fire Recovery Hotline, (858) 495-5494.

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